The city of Medina, safe from the Antichrist(Dajjal) and the plague

قال رسول الله ﷺ ،على أنْقَابِ المَدِينَةِ مَلاَئِكَةٌ، لا يَدْخُلُهَا الطَّاعُونُ ولا الدَّجَّالُ وقال:" ليسَ مِنْ بَلَدٍ إلاّ سَيَطَؤُهُ الدَّجَّالُ، إلا مَكَّةَ والمَدِينَةَ، لَيْسَ نَقْب مِنْ أَنْقَابِها إلاّ عَلَيْهِ المَلائِكَةُ صافِّينَ يَحْرُسُونَها، فَيَنْزِلُ السَّبْخَةَ، فَتَرْجُفُ المَدِينَةُ بأهْلِهَا ثَلاَثَ رَجَفَاتٍ، فَيَخْرُجُ إلَيْهِ كُلُّ كافِرٍ ومُنافِقٍ"

Translation: The Prophet of Allah, (ﷺ) said: "There are angels at the gates of Medina; neither plague nor the Antichrist (Dajjal) will enter there." He also said: "There will be no city that the Antichrist will not trample, except Mecca and Medina. At every gate of these cities, angels will be standing in rows to guard them. The Antichrist will come down near Medina, and the city will experience three tremors, causing every disbeliever and hypocrite to leave and join him."
(Misbah al-Sunnah, Book of Pilgrimage, Volume 2, Page 301, al-Turath).

Abu al-Abbas al-Qurtubi رحمة الله عليه, (D,656, AH), explained this hadith in his commentary "al-Mufhim lima Ashkala min Talkhis Kitab Muslim," saying,

"والطاعون الموت العام الفاشي، ويعني بذلك أنه لا يكون في المدينة من الطاعون مثل الذي يكون في غيرها من البلاد، كالذي وقع في طاعون عمواس والجارف وغيرهما، وقد أظهر الله صدق رسوله ﷺ؛ فإنه لم يُسمع من النَّقَلة ولا من غيرهم مَن يقولأنه وقع في المدينة طاعون عام، وذلك ببركة دعاء النبي ﷺ حيث قال: اللهم صححها لنا. وهو وإن لم يدخل المدينة إلا أنه يأتي سبختها من دُبُرِ أُحُد فيضرب هناك رواقه فترجف المدينة بأهلها ثلاث رجفات، فيخرج إليه منها كل كافر ومنافق، كما يأتي في حديث أنس

في كتاب الفتن، ثم يهم بدخول المدينة، فتصرف الملائكة وجهه إلى الشام، وهناك يهلك بقتل عيسى ابن مريم إيَّاه بباب لُدٍّ

Translation: By plague, it is meant the epidemic that usually spreads and causes death, and it implies that there will not be a plague in Medina in the same way it occurs in other cities, like the plagues of Amwas and al-Jaraf. Allah has manifested the truthfulness of His Messenger (peace be upon him), as none of the narrators has ever heard of a widespread plague in Medina. This is due to the blessing of the Prophet's ﷺ supplication, where he said: "O Allah, make it healthy for us."

As for the Antichrist (Dajjal), though he will not enter Medina, he will come to the area behind it, near Uhud, at a place called Sabkhah, and set up his camp there. Medina will experience three tremors, causing every disbeliever and hypocrite to leave and join the Antichrist (only the believers will remain in Medina), as mentioned in the hadith of Anas رضی اللہ عنہ in the Book of Tribulations.
The Antichrist will then intend to enter Medina, but the angels will turn his face towards Syria, and he will be destroyed at the gate of Ludd by prophet ESA علیہ السلام , son of Maryam رضی اللہ عنہا. (al-Mufhim, Volume 3, Page 495, al-Turath).

Allama Ibn Hajar Asqalani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ , (D,852, AH), regarding the part of the hadith "Medina will experience three tremors with its inhabitants," says,

”يَحْصُلُ لَهَا زَلْزَلَةٌ بَعْدَ أُخْرَى ثُمَّ ثَالِثَةٌ حَتَّى يَخْرُجَ مِنْهَا مَنْ لَيْسَ مُخْلِصًا فِي إِيمَانِهِ وَيَبْقَى بِهَا الْمُؤْمِنُ الْخَالِصُ فَلاَ يُسَلَّطُ عَلَيْهِ الدَّجَّالُ“.

This means that there will be an earthquake in Medina, then a second, and then a third, until anyone who is not sincere in their faith will leave Medina, and only the pure believers will remain, unaffected by the Antichrist (Dajjal).
(Fath al-Bari, Volume 4, Page 96, al-Turath).

Allama Ibn Kathir رحـــمة الله عليه , (D,774, AH), said regarding this earthquake in "al-Nihayah,"

"ويسمى يومئذ يوم الخلاص، وَهِيَ كَمَا قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ:إنها طيبة تَنْفِي خَبَثَها ويَضوعَ طيبُهَا،وَالْمَقْصُودُ أَنَّ الْمَدِينَةَ تَكُونُ عَامِرَةً أَيَّامَ الدَّجَّالِ، ثم تكون عامرة في زمان المسيح عيسى ابن مريم رَسُولِ ، حَتَّى تكون وفاته بها ودفنه فيها ثم يخرج الناس منها بعد ذلك كما سبق"

This means that this day will be called "the day of deliverance," and as the Prophet Muhammadﷺ said: "This (Medina) is Tayyibah, it will expel its impurities and its fragrance will spread." Medina will be inhabited during the days of the Antichrist, and it will also be inhabited during the time of prophet ESA عليه الســـلام , until his death and burial in Medina. After that, people will leave it. (Al-Nihayah fi al-Fitan wa al-Malahim, Volume 1, Page 207, al-Turath).

From this hadith and its explanation, we learn the following points:

1. Medina has a special status and protection from Allah, highlighting its greatness.
2. Only pure believers will live in Medina, emphasizing the importance of purity and sincerity in faith.
3. The trial of the Antichrist (Dajjal) is severe, and to be safe from his evil, we need to strengthen our faith.
4. Allah protects His righteous servants, encouraging us to trust and rely on Him.
5. The role of ESA عليه الســـلام in ending the trial of the Antichrist reminds us of the importance and honor of the prophets.

6. Due to the blessings of the Prophet's ﷺ prayers, there is no plague in Medina, showing the importance and impact of prayers.
7. The purity and cleanliness of Medina teach us the importance of hygiene and cleanliness.
8. Another clear miracle of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is that he predicted an event that would definitely happen. This highlights the virtue of Medina and its pure believers.
9. This also shows that it is Allah Almighty's blessed habit to establish the truth against falsehood, just as Allah Almighty will appoint angels against the Dajjal.

The End

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